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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the military. Our volunteer force has long offered a way to turn lives around with a small but living wage, good lifetime benefits and significant respect from much of society. As the civilian political head of an otherwise career leadership you started out poorly by dodging service as a youth and then showed a fascination with the pageantry - hiring several generals for your long departed original cabinet and using military hardware as event backdrops. Your contempt for the military culture of service to the whole has been obvious with pardons for war criminals, transfers to the southern border as a midterms campaign stunt and attacks on gold star families. Your contempt for the ultimate sacrifices of torture, injury and death is particularly galling. Fortunately the military is larger than the DHS and unlikely to back you in any move to seize power.

Please assure me that you will resign as commander in chief.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our apolitical military.

Sincerely, Eric Babson